

Curtain's up, light the lights for Bill Prado

As the curtain opens for the Vero Beach Riverside's production of Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," the audience is hushed in eager anticipation. No one in the cast had been permitted to disclose who did it. But Bill Prado, K mart 7294, Vero Beach, Florida knows all too well, as he plays the lead role.

Prado plays Clifford Anderson, who was played by Christopher Reeves in the movie version of the play. This is the third lead that Prado has captured, out of six plays he has been in this year. "I just became interested in

the theater about a year ago," Prado says. "I came to Vero Beach, started working for K mart and taking some classes part time. I took a drama course and the teacher took me under his wing. I don't know where all of this is going, I'll just have to wait and see."

Movies is what Prado is leaning towards, rather than theater when he talks about becoming heavily involved in the acting circuit.

"I would like to make movies in California, but they are even starting to film quite a bit in Florida."

Other plays Prado has been in are "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," "A Thousand Clowns," and "Dark of the Moon."

what the Olympics will be like. Her plans are to go for the gold and she says, "It's going to take some hard training and I have a lot of friends at K mart to help me along. I think I'm going to make it because they are a great bunch of people and I love them very much."

James Tolley is a director for Red Cross Board

When the subject of the United Way was brought up at a weekly meeting, K mart 7527, Brownsburg, Indiana was fortunate enough to have an expert on hand. Employee James Tolley is also a member of the Board of Directors for the local chapter of the Red Cross, which collects 90 percent of its funds from the United Way.

Tolley explained that this Red Cross money provides several local handicapped children with transportation to needed therapy. This chapter also institutes special programs in the elementary schools called "Being Alert." This program is to make children aware of potential accidents that can happen at school, during play and at home.

In 1954, Tolley joined K mart and worked in his home area of Detroit until 1959, when he left to join the military. In 1969 he rejoined K mart in Indianapolis. He became interested in the Red Cross on a civilian level, as he had done volunteer work for them during his military career. At this time, he also worked as a volunteer fireman.

For years, Tolley has been donating blood to the Red Cross and has only two more pints to go before he will have reached three gallons in total donation. He was recommended for the Red Cross board by the local director and has committed to his second term of three years in his current status. The Board of Directors decide on projects for the Red Cross, follow through on current activities, budget funds, work out additional fund raising efforts, and concern themselves with accident prevention.

Employees lead support to accident victim

Hit and run victim Juanita Kirk of K mart 4276, Toledo, Ohio was in an intensive care unit five days with a severe concussion, a broken third vertebra and a severe gash in her head. With a promise of a long convalescence and very little hope of ever finding the driver of the car, many people would have given up hope.

But Kirk has something special that kept her going and within three weeks she was released from the hospital. Now with the aid of a tent-like brace attached to her head with bolts, she is able to walk.

Her courage and determination and the prayers and deep concern of her fellow workers have helped Kirk through this difficult time. Employees at 4276 admire her courage through it all and have made weekly donations to aid Kirk. Some employees even got together and donated baked goods and time for a bake sale. Everyone wishes Kirk a speedy recovery.



Bill Prado, K mart 7294, Vero Beach, Florida, right, during a scene from "Deathtrap."

Tonja Brown to compete in 1984 Summer Olympics

When the 1984 Summer Olympics begin, most employees at K mart 4489, Tallahassee, Florida will be more than just a little interested. That's because of Tonja Brown, a part time cashier and contender in the women's 400 meter hurdles.

Brown has been running since she was 15 years old. It didn't take her long to catch on and soon she was breaking records all over Florida. Just a year after she started, she had set more than 12 records in the state. She became the best hurdler in Manatee County. Coaches from all over were wondering who this newcomer was and by her senior year she was offered full scholarships from 20 different schools. She decided on Florida State University because it was close to home.

She set for herself the goal of making the U.S.A. team and traveling all around the world to compete. In her senior year at Florida State, Brown won the NCAA track and field 400 meter hurdles. After that she took second place in the T.A.C. Nationals. She was able to travel with the U.S.A. team to Germany to compete against world class hurdlers. It was quite an experience for Brown and she says the German women are very nice.

Brown came to work at 4489 in 1981. She says that working there and practicing on the track really keep her busy. She's really grateful that her schedule can be worked out to allow her time to practice. In 1982 she made the U.S.A. team again and traveled to Sweden to compete against Norway. The U.S.A. won. Then it was on to Finland for the world championships. She didn't make it to the finals, but it was a taste of

K mart and Pepsi-Cola sponsor 1914-style 10 meter race

The theme of a recent 10 meter (6 1/2 mile) race co-sponsored by K mart 4011, Fresno, California and Pepsi-Cola was to resemble the first race held in Fresno in 1914.

The original course was followed beginning in the park across from 4011 and ending at the State Fair Grounds.

A band played ragtime music from that era at two points during the race. There were 850 runners, one of whom was Resident Assistant Manager Ken Jaccard's son, Greg Balch. Greg runs track in high school and finished 25 in the overall standings.

"This is supposed to be an annual race from now on," Jaccard said. "It was really a unique thing. From beginning to end, it was done just like it was in 1914. The original race, incidentally, was the first and last of its kind in Fresno. So we just picked up where they left off in 1914."

The race ended with free Pepsi to everyone and free T-shirts to all preregistered runners. There was also an award ceremony where the first, second and third place winners from each age group were given awards similar to the ones given in 1914.